

STUDENT HANDBOOK 1979-1980



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

High among the concerns of the campus community is the quality of our life together. It may even be the highest concern?

For liberal arts education has many aims; but among them is enabling one to understand what is – and motivating one to become? – a humane person. And it comes to personal question in the quality of our life together.

Community life-style that is mutually wholesome and joyous doesn't come unplanned, haphazardly. We're not built like that: this isn't paradise, and we're not perfect. It takes hard work, for most of us; and good patterns, shaped by many hands, tested by all kinds of people – for we are all kinds of people.

This handbook is a reflection of that kind of hard work. It, too, is not perfect; and perhaps we can improve it together. Until we do, these are the patterns we have, and in them we'll live and work together here.

Have a good year!

Donald A. Webb

President

*Students are accepted without regard to race, color, sex,
national origin, or religious commitment.*

EXPECTATIONS OF CENTENARY COLLEGE FOR ITS STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION

Each person enrolled as a student in Centenary College is expected to conduct himself/herself in a manner which is acceptable to an ordered society and in a manner which is compatible with the function of the College as an educational institution.

Social rules and regulations at Centenary have as their object the development of students as moral, intelligent, responsible members of an academic community and, extensionally, of the nation. To accomplish this, it is necessary that the rules themselves reflect true morality, intelligence, and responsibility by calling for high standards of self-discipline and habit formation in all personal and social practices which might be listed.

Students who are enrolled in the College are subject to the rules and regulations of the College while on campus. It is the responsibility of the students to become familiar with this handbook and the various documents to which reference is made. Any student failing to abide by College regulations is subject to disciplinary action by the authorized bodies and officials of the College.

GENERAL COLLEGE REGULATIONS

AUTOMOBILES ON CAMPUS

All students who desire to operate their vehicles on campus must register them in the Business Office located in Hamilton Hall. Vehicle registration should be completed at the time of registration for course work; there is a \$10.00 fee for parking privileges. In order to register a motor vehicle, you will need to present a valid driver's license, evidence of liability insurance, and the license plate number of your vehicle. Detailed campus traffic regulations will be found on pages 14-18. It is the responsibility of each student to become familiar with and abide by these regulations.

DEAD WEEK

Dead Week, the week prior to Exam Week at the end of the fall and spring terms, has some unique features. During this week classes meet on their regular schedules, but no papers or tests may be assigned. Outside the classroom during both Dead Week and Exam Week, no campus or required attendance activities are scheduled nor may any organization hold a meeting or schedule a function of any sort. Dead Week extends from Sunday of the designated week through Friday at 6:00 p.m.; Exam week begins on the following Sunday at 6:00 p.m. *NOTE: A \$25.00 fine is imposed for each violation of residence hall or college rules during Dead Week and Exam Week.*

FOOD SERVICE

All students who live in the college residence halls or Greek houses are required to purchase meal tickets.

HOUSING

All full-time students are required to live on campus except students living with their immediate family (parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles), married students, divorced students, and students who are 22 years of age or older before or by mid-semester of the time they wish to live off campus. The following exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Dean of Students on or before registration:

1. Students who are two-year veterans
2. Students whose employment requires off campus living
3. Students whose physicians state that they are required to live off campus for medical reasons or whose prescribed diet cannot be met by our Food Service.
4. A specified number (to be decided by the Dean of Students) living in fraternity housing. Those students living in fraternity housing must purchase meal tickets.

Where there are empty rooms in the residence halls they will be made available to students (on a seniority basis) as private rooms at the rate of \$450 per semester – \$130 per semester above the present double room occupancy rate of \$320 per semester. However, single occupancy is not guaranteed any student at any time and is to be considered a privilege rather than a right.

Room assignments are made according to the following steps:

1. Housing applications are mailed to all resident students. Questions include the specific room requested and the *preference* for private or double occupancy. The student has the opportunity to state such preferences as a roommate who does not smoke cigarettes, one who wants music while studying, etc.
2. Requests are met in accordance with the following priorities, in this order: present occupancy, classification with seniority privileges, and date of receipt of application.
3. Double occupancy requests have priority over single occupancy requests.

4. After the deadline for returning applications, assignments are made on a first application received basis although the upperclass students maintain priority over incoming students.
5. Private rooms are offered as long as they are available with priority given to seniority classification coupled with the return of the application prior to deadline.
6. When assignments have been made, students are mailed a room contract which must be signed and returned within a stated time period.
7. Students whose roommates withdraw before registration will be assigned another roommate. Personal choice will be honored whenever possible.
8. Students whose roommates leave after registration will be given the option of taking a new roommate, moving in with another student who needs a roommate, or paying for single occupancy. The Dean of Students staff will assist the student who faces these choices. Extenuating circumstances will be given consideration.

A room change request is considered first as a counseling situation and it is hoped that students will learn to settle their differences and live together. A change is made only with the approval of the Dean of Students. A \$10 room change fee will be assessed each student making a room change after mid-semester.

I.D. CARDS

I.D. cards are non-transferable. If the I.D. card is found in the possession of a person other than the owner, the card will be confiscated. The card is issued when you enter Centenary and must be validated for each semester or session that you are registered for courses. The card must be turned in to the Business Office when you graduate or leave for any other reason. Failure to return the card when you leave will result in the withholding of transcripts.

KEYS

Under normal circumstances, a student should have in his possession only the key to his residence hall room. Unusual circumstances may require students to have other College keys; however, in such cases, permission must be obtained from the responsible staff member who will order, deliver and later collect the key.

Students are not permitted to duplicate any key to any lock or door on campus.

Students are not permitted to enter any residence hall room other than their own without the express permission of the resident(s) of the room. The resident(s) giving the permission must notify the staff member that it is permissible for a particular person to enter the room in the resident's absence.

All keys to any College lock, door, or other property must be returned no later than the end of the spring semester. Students who fail to return the room key to their Resident Director or who fail to return other College keys to the specified staff member at the end of each semester will either be billed for or will have deducted from their room deposits the cost of labor and materials associated with the installation of a new lock and the making of new keys.

POSTERS AND PUBLICITY

No posters or other forms of publicity may be displayed or distributed on the campus by persons or organizations other than official Centenary College organizations. Any damage done to College property by the display of posters or any cleaning that needs to be done as the result of publicity materials littering the campus will be paid by the organization or individual responsible.

Special areas for and methods of publicizing College activities will be determined by the Student Senate. Violation of restrictions on publicity may result in disciplinary action.

Salesmen are not permitted to solicit on the campus without written permission from the Dean of Students. Students as well as staff should ask any solicitor for proof of written permission from the Dean of Students. Should a residence group want a salesman to present or demonstrate a particular product in the residence lobby, the Dorm Council should notify the Dean of Students. This same procedure also covers solicitation of donations.

Students desiring to sell products in order to pay for their education or College organizations conducting fund-raising projects may apply to the Dean of Students for special permission.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in instructional areas during regularly scheduled classes.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONDUCT FOR WHICH ANY STUDENT IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages in or on any College property.

CIVIL LAW

Any conduct which is in violation of city, state, and/or federal laws.

CONDUCT AFFECTING A STUDENT'S SUITABILITY

Any conduct which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the Centenary academic community.

DRUGS

Use, possession, or distribution of narcotics, stimulants, depressants, mind-expanding or other dangerous drugs, except as expressly permitted by state and/or federal laws.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with the directions of any College official in the performance of his duty.

FALSE INFORMATION

Willfully and knowingly furnishing false information to the College.

FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES

Use, possession, or distribution of firearms, explosives, incendiaries or any other weapons in or on any College-owned or College-controlled property. The student should be aware that such items as firecrackers, bottle rockets and the like are included in the term "explosives."

HONOR CODE

Violation of the Honor Code of Centenary College.

MISUSE OF COLLEGE MATERIALS

Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, materials or records.

MISUSE OF IDENTIFICATION MATERIALS

Forgery, alteration, or misuse of identification materials or records.

MISUSE OF PROPERTY

Theft of, damage to, or illegal possession of any College-owned or College-administered property and property of a member of the College community or any campus visitor and any acts which deface or destroy College buildings and/or grounds.

OBSTRUCTION OF PROCEEDINGS OR ACTIVITIES

Obstruction, disruption, or hindrance of teaching, administration, disciplinary proceedings or other college activities, including public service functions or other authorized activities on College property.

ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Violation of College policies or campus regulations concerning the registration of student organizations, the use of College facilities or the time, place and manner of public expression.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse or the threat of physical abuse to any person on College-owned property, or at Centenary-sponsored or supervised functions, or conduct which threatens or endangers the health, safety or well-being of any such person.

RESIDENTIAL RULES

Violations of rules governing residence in College-owned or College-controlled property.

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY

Unauthorized entry into or use of any College facility or property.

VISITATION

Failure to adhere to the hours during which a member of the opposite sex may visit in a student's room.

GENERAL RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

The Dean of Students is responsible for the operation of the residence halls. The Dean of Students provides counseling to students, makes room assignments, selects and trains the residence hall staff members and processes reports of alleged student misconduct. The Resident Directors and the Resident Assistants communicate with residents regarding the College and its services. Resident Assistants are trained to be peer counselors and advisers. It is also the responsibility of the residence staff to report residents whom they observe to be in violation of College expectations.

Custodial services include cleaning of bathrooms and halls and the emptying of trash receptacles daily on weekdays. It is the responsibility of each student to keep his own room clean, to report maintenance problems and damages to furnishings to the Director or Resident Assistant. Only in the case of emergency and in the absence of any staff member should the individual student call for maintenance services. The number to call then is 5286 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

PAINTING OF ROOMS

In residence hall rooms that have not been recently painted, the student may be allowed to do the work himself. To paint his/her room a student must obtain appropriate forms from the Dean of Student's Office and submit them to the Superintendent of the Physical Plant. The approval of both is necessary. Paint color and type must be approved and paint will be supplied by the College. In cases where students do not follow the above procedure or if paint is applied in such a way that it adversely affects the condition of the room, the student will be assessed for the amount of money required to restore the room to its original condition.

WALL HANGINGS AND DECALS

Posters and pictures may be hung on the walls only with the use of thumb tacks. Damages will be assessed for use of any material which defaces the walls or ceilings. Ceiling hangings are a fire hazard and therefore may not be used. Decals may be used on glass surfaces only, but must be removed when the student vacates the room. Decals may not be applied to wooden or painted surfaces or lamps.

APPLIANCES

No appliance with exposed heating elements nor multiple socket plugs may be used in any residence hall room.

FOOD

Public health regulations prohibit the storage of food in bathroom areas. No uncovered containers of food may be stored in residence hall rooms. No cooking is permitted in the residence hall except in designated kitchen areas. Cooking even in these areas may not be a substitute for the meal plan.

RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING

Residence halls are officially closed for the breaks between fall term and interim, spring and summer terms, and summer and fall terms. It is expected that all students will vacate the residence halls during these times. In emergency cases students may be allowed to remain in their rooms if staff personnel is available and permission is granted by the Dean of Students. During the times the dormitories are officially closed, the opposite sex visitation policy is suspended. Any opposite-sex visitation at these times will be considered a violation of College regulations.

THEFT

The College is not responsible for theft of personal property from residence hall rooms or elsewhere on college property. The Resident Directors have Missing Items Forms which the student should complete when belongings are missing.

ROOM DEPOSIT

A \$50.00 room deposit is required of all resident students and is retained as a general housing deposit as long as the student resides on campus. The room deposit will be held until the end of the last semester a student attends the College, at which time it will be used to pay for any repairs or replacements of damaged furniture or fixtures for which the student is responsible. All damage charges assessed to a student prior to that time will be billed to his regular account. Charges for loss or damage of equipment or defacement of any community used area such as lounges, recreation rooms, corridors or bathrooms may be assessed equally against the residents of the area.

Deadlines for requesting the refund of housing deposits are June 1 for fall, May 1 for summer, December 1 for interim and spring. *Please note that room rent is not refundable.*

ROOM CHANGES

A request for a room change is normally considered as a counseling situation. Residence staff and/or the Dean of Students. A fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for any change occurring after mid-semester.

ROOM FURNISHINGS

No furniture, including mattresses, may be moved from one room to another. College furniture may normally not be physically altered in any way. However, provision has been made for students to substitute a College bed with a homemade bed as long as specifics prepared by the Superintendent of the Physical Plant have been properly met. See your Resident Director if you are interested. For safety reasons, such fire and safety hazards as candles or any other lighted item, such as incense, which unattended could cause a fire, ceiling hangings and partially obstructed doorways are not allowed in residence rooms.

ROOM INSPECTION

At Centenary, you have the right to privacy in your own room. However, in order to meet emergency situations, to make routine maintenance or fire hazard inspections, to maintain minimum health and safety standards and to enforce pertinent regulations, the College reserves the right to enter students' rooms. Each semester residence hall staff inventories all residence rooms and furnishings. This detailed inventory includes previous damages and the amount and type of furniture. Re-evaluation will be made by the residence hall staff when room changes occur, during breaks and during the semester on notice. The residence hall staff, on notice to the student, may check a room at any time for health and safety reasons. However, entrance to a student's room for reasons other than health, safety or maintenance must be authorized by the Dean of Students.

SAFETY AND HEALTH MEASURES

It is against the regulations of the College to tamper with fire equipment of any kind and each student should accept personal responsibility for reporting anyone who does.

Every student should accept personal responsibility for helping to prevent false fire alarms. A series of false alarms may well encourage a situation in which an alarm pulled for an actual fire or other emergency goes unheeded. Also, everyone should recognize that some students are seriously upset by the sudden interruption of their sleep, particularly by a sound which spells danger.

Students should empty their wastebaskets whenever they are full; an overflowing wastebasket is a fire hazard.

The burning of candles and other substances such as incense is not allowed in the residence halls. Such items have been the cause of many fires.

Any student who detects an odor of burning should report this immediately to the Resident Director.

Student rooms should be kept reasonably clean. Piles of soiled clothing, uncovered food spills not cleaned up are health hazards.

Students should report illness to the RA who should also keep the Resident Director informed. Proper care may prevent the spreading of illness.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONDUCT FOR WHICH ANY RESIDENT STUDENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

OPPOSITE SEX VISITATION

All students 18 years of age and older may opt to have opposite sex visitation in their dormitory room. Visitation hours are 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. All guests of the opposite sex who visit in student rooms should be signed in and out. Students who request no visitation are assigned rooms accordingly to assure their privacy. Residents under 18 years of age may have opposite sex visitation with parental permission. These regulations as well as all other residence and campus regulations apply to all residence halls.

LOBBY VISITATION

Students are allowed to have guests of the opposite sex in their dormitory lobby twenty-four hours a day.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Students may have overnight guests of the same sex; there are, however, some regulations to be observed.

1. All overnight guests must be registered with the Resident Director, even one staying in the room of the host or hostess.
2. Guests must comply with our residence and campus regulations; the student host or hostess will be responsible for any infraction of his/her guest.
3. Guests should plan to come on weekends, if at all possible.
4. Guests should stay no longer than three nights without specific permission from the Assistant to the Dean of Students.

PETS

Students are not allowed to keep pets of any type in residence halls owned or operated by Centenary College or any place on College property.

DRESS AND CONDUCT

Dress and conduct should be in good taste at all times.

BAR BELLS

At no time are there to be bells or any weight-lifting equipment in the residences. There is a weight room in the Gold Dome.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The playing of musical instruments in the residence halls is forbidden except with the express permission of the Residence Director or the vote of the students who might be annoyed by noise. A student vote must be reported to the residence staff by a member of the Dorm Council.

LOBBY PIANO AND TELEVISION

The pianos may not be used during strict quiet hours and at no time may they be used for practice. The television may be used quietly at any time with courtesy and thoughtfulness for others. The residents of each residence hall have priority over other persons concerning all areas of television use in their respective residence halls.

RESIDENCE HALL QUIET HOURS

Each residence hall must determine quiet hours at the beginning of each year unless specific hours are stated in the residence hall constitution. Students who are inconvenienced by noise should make a request to the offenders. If noise continues, students should talk with a Resident Assistant and/or report the persons involved in the noise-making to the Dorm Council. Misconduct report forms are available from any Resident Director.

BACK DOORS

With the exception of the honors hall, the back doors to the women's buildings are locked and put on an alarm system for security purposes. Use of these doors from 8:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. is not permitted.

ROOF AREAS

The roof areas and all equipment rooms are off limits to all except those authorized for inspection, repair or work reasons.

EXPECTATIONS OF CENTENARY COLLEGE FOR ITS ORGANIZATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The faculty of Centenary College in collaboration with the affected organizations has adopted the following rules and regulations to define the privileges and limitations of organizations established on campus. Any organization failing to abide by these regulations, either in letter or in spirit, will be subject to disciplinary action. The Student-Faculty Discipline Committee shall have the power to decide when these regulations have been violated by a social organization and to determine any appropriate penalty.

For the first offense against these regulations listed below organizations are subject to forfeiture of pledging, initiation, induction of members, or social probation for one semester. During the semester immediately following the penalty period, the organizations will be on probation. A second offense during the probation period may result in an indefinite forfeiture of privileges; a majority vote of the faculty will be required for the reinstatement of these privileges.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

MEMBERSHIP

Active membership shall be limited to full-time students matriculated at Centenary College.

ROSTER

A roster of officers of organizations must be filed in the Office of the Dean of Students in the fall; this roster must be kept up to date by the organization.

FINANCES

Contracts and assumptions of financial obligations must be approved by an alumni or faculty representative approved by the administration.

SOCIAL REGULATIONS

USE OF FACILITIES

Arrangements for facilities, including the specific details, must be made with the Dean of Students at least three days in advance of the date on which the event will be held. All activities should be placed on the College calendar as far ahead as possible to avoid conflicting dates and to receive maximum publicity. All organizations scheduling activities should check the calendar carefully for possible conflicts before scheduling their own events.

PLACE

Each organization may select whatever site desired for social functions with the following provisions:

The sponsoring organization – not Centenary College – is totally responsible for all activities held off campus.

The host organization is responsible for and liable for the conduct of its members and guests at the particular function. The College is in no way responsible for conduct or happenings at off-campus events. Liability is the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

GUESTS

Non-student guests may be invited only by permission of the sponsoring organization. The organization assumes responsibility for the conduct of all guests.

PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING AND MODIFYING EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION

Centenary College has established a channel of communication through which students should proceed in order to either establish or modify the expectations the College holds for them.

The channel for modifications goes through the Student Senate to the Committee on Student Life. From this committee the channel continues through the faculty to the President of the College.

The diagram on Page 8 depicts this channel of communication.

ROLE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Any student who believes the expectations which Centenary College holds for him are inadequate may approach the Student Senate in person or through a senator and express his convictions. If successful, he may engage the cooperation of the Senate in presenting his aims to the Committee on Student Life. Additionally, the Student Senate may bring before the Committee on Student Life, without outside suggestion, such additions or modifications of Centenary College expectations as it may deem appropriate. Technical aspects of the Student Senate and its procedures are stated in its constitution and bylaws.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE

It is the role of the Committee on Student Life to receive all proposed additions and modifications to the expectations Centenary College holds for its students, to review the contents of these proposals, and to develop and present a recommendation to members of the faculty for their decision.

The Chairman of the Committee on Student Life is then responsible for communicating the decision of the faculty to the President of the College for his decision. Technical aspects of the Committee on Student Life and its procedure are stated in its guidelines.

In the event that the President of the College does not approve a proposal from the Committee on Student Life and the faculty does not choose to consider this proposal, it becomes the responsibility of the Committee on Student Life to either accept the decision of the President of the College as final or to negotiate directly with him until a proposal is submitted which meets his approval. The dotted line in the diagram on Page 8 reflects this negotiation channel. Technical aspects of the Committee on Student Life and its procedures are stated in the committee's guidelines.

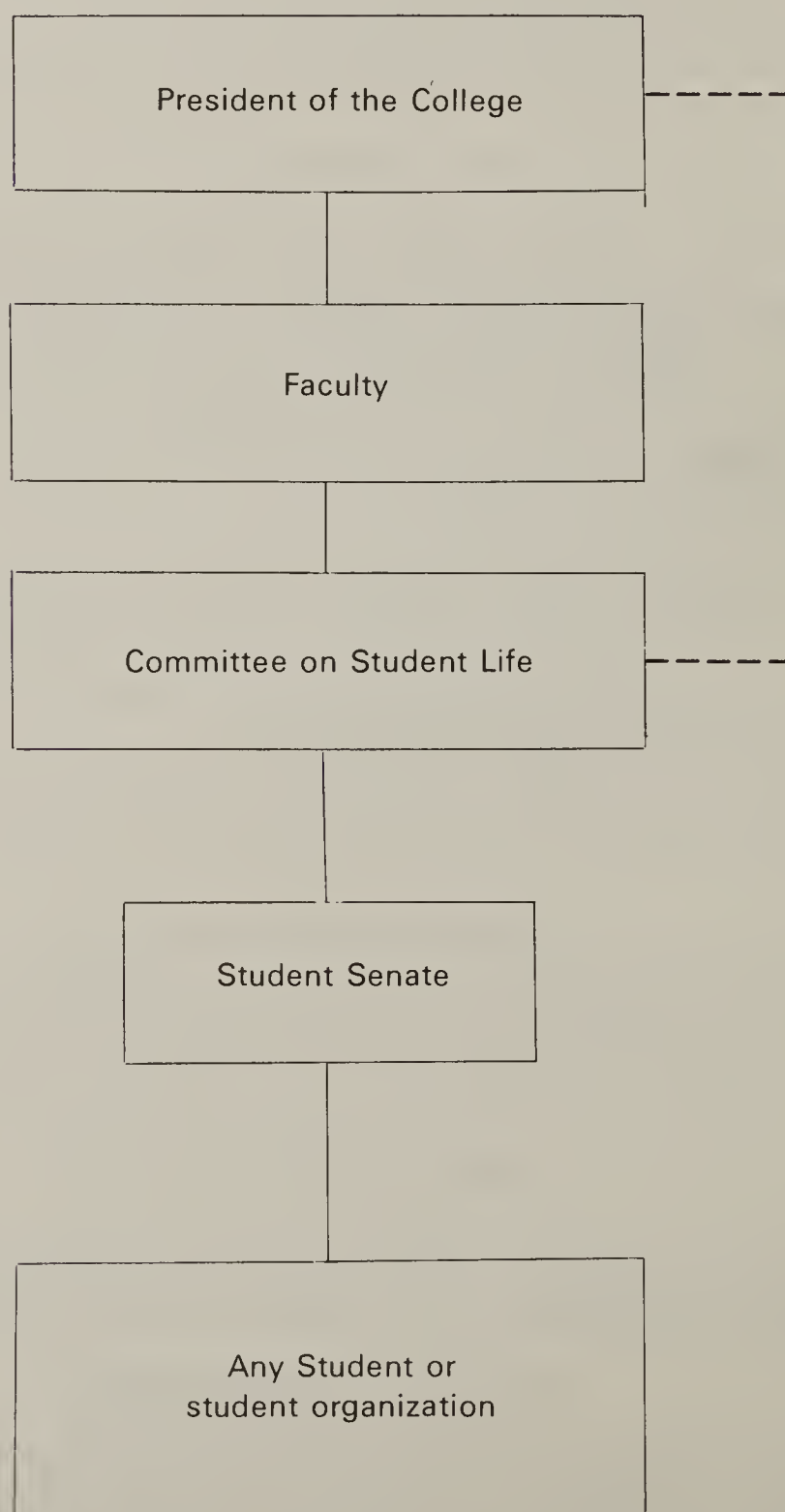
ROLE OF THE FACULTY

The faculty receives from the Committee on Student Life those proposals in need of faculty consideration. It is the role of the members of the faculty to approve or reject the contents of these proposals and to communicate the faculty decisions to both the Student Senate and to the President of the College through the Committee on Student Life.

ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT

The President of the College, after a review of each proposal submitted to him, will make a decision regarding the acceptability of that proposal. Traditionally, the president does not establish rules and regulations governing student life on campus. Rather, he more often acts as a reviewing agent or authority, rarely using his veto power. He should in this role, understand and interpret the points of view of students, faculty, and Board of Trustees, and with sound counsel aid them in establishing and maintaining a program of student life that works for the benefit of the entire College community. His decisions are communicated to the chairman of the Committee on Student Life who will in turn notify all parties.

**CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS
FOR ESTABLISHING OR MODIFYING EXPECTATIONS
OF CENTENARY COLLEGE STUDENTS**



PROCEDURES OF CENTENARY COLLEGE FOR INSURING DUE PROCESS

INTRODUCTION

Centenary College is dedicated to the proposition that personal responsibility is one of several characteristics necessary to a college learning experience. It is anticipated that the majority of its students, when told of the expectations of the College, will choose to abide by them. Inevitably, however, there will be those students who choose to do otherwise.

In order to insure that due process is afforded those who choose contrary to these expectations, the College has established a judicial system the form of which is depicted in the chart on Page 10. Technical aspects of students' rights, freedoms and responsibilities are covered in the statement by that name.

The Honor Court is responsible for hearing cases of suspected academic misconduct. Technical aspects of the Honor Court and its procedures are stated in its constitution.

The Dean of Students is responsible for the referral of cases of alleged student misconduct to the Residence Hall Council, the Judicial Board, or the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee.

ROLE OF THE RESIDENCE HALL COUNCILS

It is the responsibility of the Residence Hall Councils to hear and act upon specific areas of conduct which are in violation of residence hall regulations. Membership for the Residence Councils and their procedures are stated in the respective residence hall constitutions. In the event that a student whose case was heard by his Residence Hall Council is dissatisfied with the decision of the Council, he may appeal the decision to the Judicial Board.

ROLE OF THE JUDICIAL BOARD

The Judicial Board is responsible for hearing and acting upon cases referred to the group by the Dean of Students and which involve specific areas of conduct for which any student may be subject to disciplinary action and for hearing and acting upon appeals to cases heard by a Residence Hall Council. These specific areas of conduct appear on Pages 5-6. Technical aspects of the Judicial Board and its procedures are stated in Student Government Association and Judicial Board Constitutions. In the event a student whose case was heard by the Judicial Board is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board, he may appeal the decision to the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee.

ROLE OF THE STUDENT-FACULTY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The duties of the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee include considering and deciding upon all cases of misconduct referred by the Dean of Students. Allowable penalties include suspension and expulsion. The committee also decides upon appeals resulting from other disciplinary action. If a student questions the fairness of disciplinary action taken against him by a judicial body, he should be granted, on request, the privilege of a hearing before this committee. Technical aspects of the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee and its procedures are stated in its guidelines. In the event a student is dissatisfied with a decision of the Committee, he may appeal the decision to the President of the College.

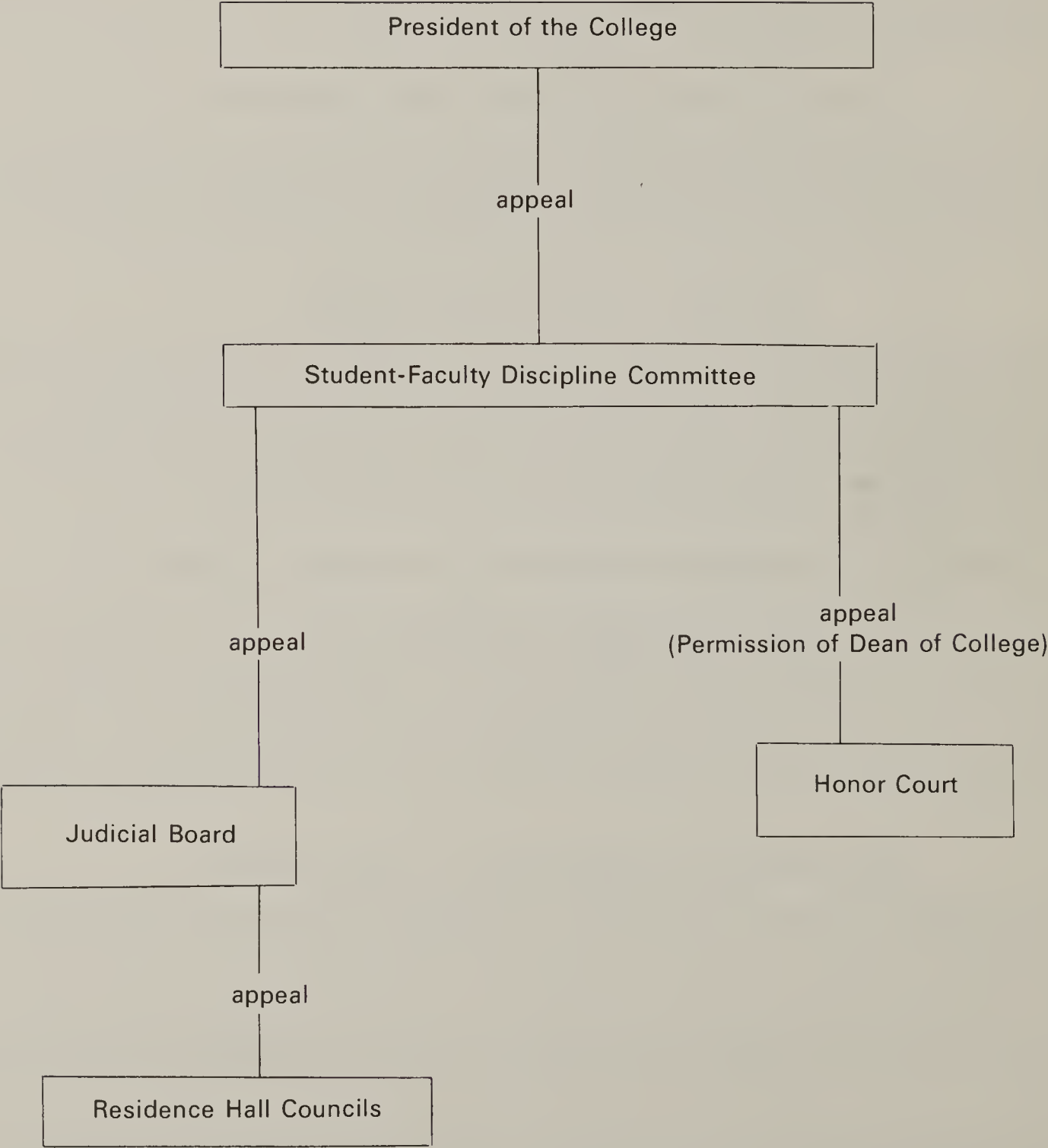
ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

The President is included in the due process procedure for students who have violated behavioral policies of the College. He is available as a "last" on-campus source of appeal from a decision or review of the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee.

Also inherent in the office of the President is the obligation to take whatever measures may be necessary to protect the well-being and integrity of the College and its members. Of course, this obligation is reserved for emergency circumstances only.

Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as detracting from the traditional plenary powers of the President of the College and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the President of the College may on his own initiative and at his own discretion immediately and without any procedural requirements whatsoever suspend or expel the student, or otherwise suspend or terminate his right to be present on the campus, or to attend classes. Such action is subject to review by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee, but the status of the student pending final action shall remain that in which he has been placed by the President. (This last paragraph comes from Section B-3 of Section VI in the Statement of Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities, Appendix).

JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF CENTENARY COLLEGE



SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore, located in the basement of Moore Student Center, has a variety of items ranging from textbooks and supplies to laundry detergent and shampoo. A wide selection of paperback books and magazines are available and any book in print may be special ordered. Personal checks up to \$50.00 may be cashed with a service charge of ten cents added. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

CAMPUS ASSEMBLIES

The College has set aside Thursdays from 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. as a time for the entire campus community to gather for various purposes. On occasions these gatherings are academic convocations, such as the President’s Convocation or Founder’s Day. In other instances assemblies are led by the Student Senate. Most frequently, religious services and lectures are held at this time period. All students and staff are invited and urged to attend.

In order to preserve this time for a gathering of the entire campus community, both the faculty and Student Senate have designated that no other meetings should be scheduled at this hour unless there is no official College function planned.

Concerts and lectures are held at other announced times.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Mr. James Smith is chief security officer for the College. The College security officer may be contacted through the Resident Directors or the Resident Assistants should there be an emergency.

CHAPLAIN OF THE COLLEGE

The Chaplain of the College serves as a clergyman to the campus community. He fills several of the pastoral roles of counseling, visitation in times of illness or other crisis, leadership in worship and various forms of religious education ministry. If a student or staff member desires a clergyman or worship service of his own religious tradition or denomination, the chaplain will assist him in referral. The chaplain also serves as Chairman of the Department of Religion and teaches classes in that department.

The chaplain welcomes opportunities to know and visit with students and staff, especially in instances of particular problems. He is on call at any time of specific need (See inside front cover for telephone numbers).

COUNSELING - ACADEMIC

The Dean of the College assists the student in the area of academic affairs. The Dean’s Office is located in Hamilton Hall, Room 217 and may be reached by telephone at 869-5104. At the time of admission to the College, the student is assigned a faculty advisor who is either the chairman of the department of his major area or is a faculty member teaching within the department.

The Registrar is responsible for assisting students with a degree plan which must be filed no later than the first semester of the junior year. The office is located in Hamilton Hall, Room 113 and the telephone number is 869-5146.

COUNSELING - PERSONAL

Personal counseling is available from several sources on campus. The Chaplain, members of the Psychology Department and the Dean of Students are available to students for this purpose. The names, offices and telephone numbers are listed on the inside cover of this book.

DINING HALL

Centenary College has two student dining rooms and two private dining rooms. All resident students are required to purchase meals in the Dining Hall. Their I.D. cards will bear a sticker which serves as a meal ticket; the meal ticket must be shown to the cashier at each meal. These cards are not transferrable.

There are no limitations as to the quantity of food students may have in the Dining Hall except on special nights such as “Steak Night.” However, neither food nor cafeteria supplies may be taken from the Dining Hall at any time.

DINING HALL HOURS OF SERVICE

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.		7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	No Continental Breakfast
Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	No Evening Meal

SPECIAL SERVICES

Students who require special dietary needs and are under the care of a physician should present their prescribed menu to the Food Service Director. If the prescribed diet can be provided, an identification card will be provided by the Food Service Director; this card must be presented at each meal. If the prescribed meals cannot be provided, the students may make alternate arrangements with the Dean of Students. Working students are not ordinarily exempted from purchasing a meal ticket. Students who are practice teaching and cannot eat their lunch meal on campus Monday through Friday may have their meal ticket prorated with a written statement of the need from their major areas professor. This statement must be presented to the Dean of Students before or on registration.

In case of a temporary illness when a student is unable to go to the Dining Hall, the Resident Director may authorize a friend to bring a tray to the dormitory; however, presentation of the ill student's meal ticket and a sick tray form is required.

During Exam Week Food Service provides such snack items as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit and cookies.

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships, grants-in-aid and all federal aid programs are administered by the Director of Financial Aid.

Part-time jobs under the federal College Work-Study Program are processed through the Financial Aid Office. Off campus part-time jobs are co-ordinated by the Placement Director.

Veterans' benefits are administered by the V.A. Representative in the Registrar's Office.

The Anna Ruth Nuttall Small Loan Fund, a fund established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Anna Ruth Nuttall, Assistant Professor of Bible and English at the College from 1945 until her death in 1952, is available for students in most cases. Students should apply to the Dean of Students. Ordinarily the amount loaned will be a maximum of \$25.00, although there are special provisions permitting College authorities to lend larger sums from the fund when an emergency exists.

HEALTH SERVICES

By special arrangement with the Rushing-Risinger Clinic at 2020 Centenary Boulevard, Centenary College students who feel ill may at any time call the Clinic at 221-1643. If the student feels unable to do this, he should ask the Resident Director or the Resident Assistant to make the call from the student's room so that questions may be asked and answered. Upon identification as a Centenary student, a nurse will screen the call. If it seems necessary for the student to be seen by one of the physicians that day, an appointment will be made. Otherwise, the student will be given instructions to follow and told when to call back if he is not better. One of the physicians may order a prescription for the student after reviewing the symptoms. Telephone calls made at night and at other times when the Clinic is closed will be taken by the physician on duty; one of the doctors is always available. Should an emergency situation exist or the student seems to be seriously ill, the physician will make arrangements to meet the student at the emergency room of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital at 1530 Line Avenue. As there is no student health fee to cover a campus physician, office visits as well as hospital service by the physician will be at the expense of the student.

Each student always has the right to choose his own doctor and a full list of local physicians and surgeons may be found in the classified section of the telephone directory. Students may wish to ask their home physician for a specific referral in Shreveport. The staffs of Doctors, Physicians and Surgeons, and Schumpert Hospitals have been given the names of doctors to contact when a Centenary student arrives for emergency treatment. The physicians and the hospitals where they may be seen in an emergency are listed below.

Dr. Robert Rushing
Dr. George Risinger
Rushing-Risinger Clinic
2020 Centenary Boulevard
221-1643
(Office Hours: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday)
(P & S Hospital in emergencies)

Dr. Charles Itzig
Dr. Keith Mason, Jr.
949 Olive
222-3132
(Office Hours: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday,
appointment only)
(Schumpert and P & S Hospitals in emergencies)

Dr. Roy Brabham - 865-7067
Dr. J. C. Sanders - 868-2727
106 E. Kings Highway
(Office Hours: 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday)
(Schumpert and Doctors Hospitals in emergencies)

All fees related to off-campus medical services are handled on a private basis directly between patient and doctor. All full-time students are covered by an insurance policy which covers accidents only and pays a maximum of \$1,000 toward medical expenses, with the student paying an initial \$10.00. Insurance claim forms should be filled out in the Office of the Dean of Students within thirty days following the accident.

LIBRARY

The Magale Library of Centenary College offers a variety of modern facilities and services which make it the information and study center for the campus. The total collection of more than 130,000 volumes includes books and periodicals for class work, personal research, and recreational reading. The general book collection is arranged on open shelves according to the Dewey Decimal Classification System. The Circulation Desk, the Reference Collection, the Current Periodical Browsing Shelves and the Music Listening Room are located on the south end of the main floor. The Record Collection and Reserve Book Collection are located behind the Circulation Desk. The Pierce Cline Memorial Room on the second floor houses the rare book collection and special collections of Centenary, Louisiana, and Methodist materials. Interlibrary loan service provides for the borrowing of needed materials not available at Magale Library. This service is facilitated by membership in the Green-Gold Library System.

The Library Art Gallery, located in the main foyer, is used for rotating exhibits. These exhibits are usually changed every month. The permanent art collection is displayed on the first and second floors. Study facilities include four-place tables, individual free-standing carrels and study rooms for either individual or group study. Seating capacity is 303. A collection of materials in microfilm, and the necessary readers, is located on the first floor. A copy machine is available for making photocopies of material for personal use at a cost of five (5¢) cents per copy. Please ask at the Circulation Desk to have copies made. Please observe the copyright warning posted on the copy machine. A well-trained library staff is ready and willing to assist with reference questions and in the selection and location of materials. Do not hesitate to ask for help.

The Library Handbook, Keys to the Magale Library, provides a detailed guide to the services and facilities of Magale Library. Copies may be obtained at the Circulation Desk.

LOST AND FOUND

Items left in the Library may be claimed at the Library Circulation Desk. If items are left elsewhere, check with the Director of Activities at the Moore Student Center.

MAIL

The Campus Post Office is located adjacent to the Bookstore in the basement of the Moore Student Center. During fall and spring semesters the Post Office is open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All student mail, except for large parcels, are delivered to mail boxes located in the dormitory lobbies. Time of mail delivery varies from semester to semester because of the student workers' hours; however, mail is delivered daily. Dorm deliveries are not made during interim and summer sessions. During these periods students call for their mail at the Post Office. Large parcels and newspapers must be picked up by the student at the Post Office. Box numbers and combinations are issued on registration day during the fall semester. Persons not assigned box numbers at registration should check with the Post Office personnel for an assignment. (Box numbers are not re-issued for the spring semester.) Box rent is not charged. It is the student's responsibility to give the Campus Post Office written notification of any change of address to insure proper forwarding of mail. Notification should be given prior to departure from campus.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Co-ordinated by the Dean of Students and an ad hoc committee, New Student Orientation is required of all freshmen and transfer students entering Centenary College for the first time. The orientation session occurs just prior to the start of the school term and its details are announced in advance.

PLACEMENT

There are two placement offices on campus. Students seeking full-time teaching positions should register with the Teacher Placement Service in Mickle Hall, Room 03. All other career placement is co-ordinated by Mr. Richard Anders whose office is in Hamilton Hall. Students seeking part-time off campus employment should also check with Mr. Anders' office.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WORSHIP AND THEOLOGICAL LECTURES

Opportunities for worship and theological lectures on an ecumenical and non-sectarian basis are offered to the campus.

Campus worship services are planned with the particular needs of a college campus in mind and frequently reflect experimental modes of worship.

Convocations of a theological nature are held in Kilpatrick Auditorium on Thursdays at 11:10 a.m.

WILLSON LECTURES

The Willson Lectureship has been established on the Centenary campus by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floyada, Texas. This annual lectureship brings to the campus distinguished speakers in the fields of religion and higher education.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The Baptist Student Union is located in the Baptist Student Center, 2907 Woodlawn, across the street from the library. The Center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 on weekdays. A schedule of activities may be obtained from the BSU Director.

CENTENARY CATHOLIC STUDENTS

Catholic students at Centenary College are cordially invited to attend services and participate in the life of local churches.

CENTENARY JEWISH STUDENTS

Jewish students at Centenary College are cordially invited to attend services and participate in the life of local synagogues, Temple B'nai Zion (Reform) and Agudath Achim (Conservative).

STUDENT UNION BUILDING AND COFFEEHOUSE

The coffeehouse, located in the Moore Student Union, offers a relaxing atmosphere away from classes for students, faculty and staff. Operated by student workers responsible to the Director of Student Activities, a member of the Dean of Students staff, the coffeehouse provides minimally priced beverages, sandwiches and packaged snacks. Entertainment is scheduled frequently and students who wish to perform should contact the Director of Student Activities in the Activities Office, Student Union Building.

The Student Union Building offers ping pong, pool, table games, electrical games to full-time students who present their I.D. to the student worker. Many special activities are planned during the year by the Activities Director working with the SGA Entertainment chairman, other campus organizations, or any group of interested students.

In addition to the Post Office and Bookstore, the Student Union Building houses offices for the Student Activities Director, the Conglomerate, the Yoncopin and KSCL.

TESTING

The College Psychology Department provides a testing service to all interested students to help clarify problem areas and to determine special needs and vocational interests.

MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY

A. The operation of a motor vehicle on the Centenary campus is a PRIVILEGE granted by the College and is not an inherent right of any faculty/staff member, student or visitor. In the interest of safe and courteous motor vehicle operation, and in an effort to create the best possible conditions for those authorized to bring motor vehicles upon the campus, the College has adopted and enforces the regulations described below. It is the responsibility of the driver to familiarize himself or herself with these regulations, as the individual shall be held responsible for any infraction thereof.

B. Parking and traffic regulations are approved by the College Parking and Traffic Committee, which consists of representatives of the student body, faculty, administration and staff. Any faculty member, student, staff member or visitor may present in writing recommendations for changes of, or additions to the campus parking and traffic regulations. Such suggestions should be forwarded to the Committee on Parking and Traffic prior to May 1st of the current year.

Centenary College assumes no responsibility for the care and/or protection of any vehicle or its contents at any time while it is parked or operated on the grounds of the College. No liability shall be created by the granting of any parking or operating privileges on any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Centenary College.

Centenary College reserves the right to remove or to have removed any vehicle which is parked or operated in such a way as to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic or to the movement and operation of emergency equipment. The College also reserves the right to remove or to have removed a vehicle if the owner/operator persistently ignores and/or violates these regulations. The owner of such vehicle will be required to pay all costs involved in removing, impounding and storing such vehicles. The owner will also be required to produce traffic fine clearance from the Business Office.

DEFINITIONS

ABANDONED VEHICLE:

Any vehicle parked on campus without a parking decal displayed and not removed from the College campus for a period of seventy-two (72) hours.

CAMPUS

All property or lands owned, leased or operated by Centenary College.

FACULTY/STAFF

Faculty members, administrator or other full time employee of Centenary College.

LOADING ZONE

An area so marked which has been reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the actual loading and unloading of passengers or goods.

MOTORCYCLE

Every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Every vehicle as herein defined which is self-propelled.

OPERATOR

The individual driving or controlling a motor vehicle.

OWNER

The person who holds the title (or lien) to the motor vehicle, or whose immediate family member holds the title (or lien) to a vehicle being operated or parked on Centenary campus.

PARKED VEHICLE

A standing vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied, irrespective of the period of time such vehicle is stopped.

SECURITY OFFICER

An employee of Centenary College charged with the responsibility for the protection of the College community and College property and the enforcement of the general rules and regulations of the College.

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Signs, markings and devices installed by the College for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic or parking.

VEHICLE

Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon any road or street.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

The College requires all faculty, staff, employees and students (full time and part time) who are in any way connected with the College to register their vehicles and secure a parking decal if they desire to park on campus lots. In order to obtain a parking decal for any motor vehicle, the registrant must possess a valid driving license.

Student vehicles will be registered and parking decals given out by the Business Office during registration for classes. Students who wish to purchase a decal after this time may do so at the Business Office. When anyone severs his connection with the College, parking privileges are immediately and automatically surrendered and the owner of the registered vehicle is responsible for removing the decal.

Owners of motorcycles must purchase and affix to their vehicle a decal, preferably on the fender or the side of the motorcycle. This decal is for identification purposes only. These vehicles may not be parked in bonafide parking spaces, but may be parked in parking lot corners which are not regular parking spaces. There are no restrictions according to parking lots for these vehicles. These vehicles may not be operated on the sidewalks or the grass of the College campus. Violators of these regulations are subject to the same fines as motor vehicle operators. Registration fees for motorcycles will be one dollar.

The official College decal must be displayed on the inside lower right-hand corner of the windshield. *Tickets WILL be given for IMPROPER DISPLAY of decal.* In addition, the operator of any vehicle in violation will be required to obtain a replacement decal, pay a replacement fee and affix the new decal in the correct place.

Decals are not transferable and must be removed from the vehicle immediately on change of ownership or withdrawal from the College.

Whenever a decal has been destroyed, lost or rendered useless, the owner shall notify the Business Office of the decal number and parking lot number before he may receive a replacement.

A map of the campus, showing the parking lot locations is included as a part of this booklet. Copies will also be posted on bulletin boards in residence halls and other buildings on campus.

All members of the College community will be held responsible for knowing and complying with these regulations. The registrant of a vehicle will be held responsible for the safe operation and proper parking of his or her vehicle, regardless of who may be the operator.

The fact that a person parks in violation of these regulations and does not receive a ticket does not mean that the regulation is no longer in effect.

Any motor vehicle that has broken down on College property must be reported immediately to the Assistant Dean of Students Office. The registrant will be allowed seventy-two (72) hours for removal of such vehicle. Major mechanical repairs to vehicles on College property are prohibited.

Registration of a motor vehicle does not guarantee a parking space on campus. For Lots #2 and #4 decals sold equal exact number of spaces in the respective lots.

Mobile homes, mobile trailers, campers, converted vans, and other similar equipment are not permitted to use any parking facility for the purpose of living in that equipment.

No parking decal shall be issued to any person who owes fines and/or fees under these regulations.

All decals remain the property of Centenary College at all times and may be reclaimed for cause at any time.

Vehicles are not allowed in areas closed by use of barricades or other traffic control devices.

Loading zones, as posted, are not parking zones.

Because of the limited number of parking spaces, the use of parking lots for dead storage of any vehicle is hereby expressly forbidden. Any vehicle even though it displays a valid parking decal, not moved for a period of seven (7) days will be subject to removal from the Centenary College campus.

The speed limit on campus is fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Pedestrians shall AT ALL TIMES have the right of way.

No person shall park or operate a motor vehicle on the campus in such a manner which would cause damage to any College property or grounds.

The operator or owner of any motor vehicle shall obey the instructions on any traffic control device applicable.

No person shall interfere with traffic enforcement or the operation of any traffic control device, ignore any security officer's signal or instruction, tamper with, destroy or deface any traffic control device.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

Students will be charged a fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars per year, effective August 1, 1978, for parking privileges on campus. This fee is not refundable. Senior and junior students have first priority on campus lots #2 and #4. Parking decals are sold on a first come, first served basis in accordance with the registration cycle used by the College. Decals purchased at mid-term will be \$5.00. Decals for motorcycles will be \$1.00. Replacement decals will be \$1.00.

Official Centenary College vehicles and vehicles owned and operated by faculty and staff must have decals, but no charge is made for them. Faculty, staff and employees owning two vehicles may obtain a second decal from the Business Office without additional charge. Faculty, staff and College employees are expected to abide by these regulations. Should there be violations, these individuals are responsible for the payment of fines.

VIOLATIONS

Tickets will be issued to any individual in violation of the above regulations. Special emphasis is placed on the following violations, although this is not an inclusive list:

No valid Centenary College Decal on vehicle.

Speeding or driving in a reckless or careless manner.

Valid decal not correctly displayed.

Parking in lot other than the lot authorized on valid decal.

Blocking or obstructing traffic lanes, loading zones (such as the area in front of James Proper), posted areas, reserved spaces, yellow curbs, crosswalks, fire hydrants and construction area(s).

Parking and driving on grassed area or sidewalks.

PENALTIES AND FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

The first three (3) tickets a violator receives shall result in fines one-half the regular amount if they are paid within 24 hours except for tickets received for speeding, reckless driving, and driving/parking on campus grass or walks.

There will be a fine of \$20.00 for parking or driving a motor vehicle on the grass or sidewalks of the campus.

Violations are totaled each semester. The student's unpaid fines are recorded on his account and must be paid prior to registration for a subsequent semester or before transcripts or other official College records can be released.

First and Second Violation \$1.00

Third Violation \$5.00

Fourth Violation and Up \$10.00

After the fourth violation, the College has the authority to have the vehicle in violation towed from the campus. A letter of clearance from the Business Office will be required by the impounding firm. The student will also be responsible for paying all costs involved in removing, impounding and storing such vehicle.

The Business Office will refer recurrent student violators to the administrator responsible for Security. Continued infractions by faculty, administration and staff will be referred to the Dean of the College.

PENALTIES AND FINES FOR SPEEDING AND RECKLESS DRIVING

The Centenary College campus is legally a school zone. Speed limit is 15 m.p.h. for 24 hours a day seven days a week. Speeding and reckless driving (definition of such left to the observing officer) shall be subject to fines as follows:

First Offense \$5.00 or Warning

Second Offense \$25.00

Third Offense \$25.00 plus withdrawal of privilege to operate or park vehicle on Centenary campus.

APPEAL OF PARKING/TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

If the administrator responsible for Security refuses to void a ticket, the individual in violation or suspected violation may appeal in writing to the Parking and Traffic Committee. Appeal must be submitted within ten (10) days of the violation. The Committee will meet monthly, or as necessary, to make decisions on appeals.

PARKING LOTS

Lot #1	James, Hardin and Sexton residence students, guests of the College and overflow for lots #3 and #4.
Lot #2	Cline residence students (Juniors and Seniors have priority). This lot is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tickets will be issued for violations regardless of time or day of week. Overflow goes to Lot #6.
Lot #3	Rotary residence students, commuting students, faculty, staff and periodically Continuing Education students. A few spaces are reserved for Meadows Museum. Lot #3 is an overflow lot for Lot #4.
Lot #4	Visitors and guests of the College. James, Hardin and Sexton residence students. (Juniors and seniors have priority.) This lot is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tickets will be issued for violations regardless of time or day of the week. Overflow goes to Lot #3.
Lot #5	(Woodlawn Avenue) Commuting students. No decal required to park in this area.

- Lot #6 Authorized Conference personnel, commuting students and periodically Continuing Education students only, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lot #6 is an overflow lot for Lot #2.
- Lot #7 Faculty and staff only, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Lot #8 Faculty, staff, visitors only, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Lot #9 Commuting students who prefer not to purchase a decal for Lot #6 or use the Woodlawn Avenue parking.
- Lot #10 Hurley Music Building. Faculty and staff only, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- S.U.B. Lot Faculty and staff only. With exception of Bookstore personnel, faculty and staff are encouraged to use this lot only for mail delivery and pick up. A limit of 10 minutes is requested.

Students should be aware that Lots #6, #7, #8 and #10 are Monday through Friday lots and controlled on these days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students with any valid decal may use these lots other days and times.

APPENDIX

STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (WITH MINOR CHANGES FOR THE PARTICULAR SITUATION AT CENTENARY)

Centenary College exists for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals. As members of the academic community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community. Students should exercise their freedom with responsibility. The responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to the freedom to learn is shared by all members of the academic community.

The guidelines which follow are expressions of attitudes only and should be understood in the context of the whole educational mission of the College, including as relevant its educational activities and practices that pertain outside as well as within the classroom. They should be interpreted in such a manner as to give full consideration to the rights and concerns of all segments of the academic community, rather than to concede absolute autonomy to the student sector, when matters of proper concern to the academic community as a whole are involved.

I. FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Within the limits of its facilities, Centenary College is open to all students who are qualified according to its admission standards. The facilities and services of the College are open to all of its enrolled students.

II. IN THE CLASSROOM

The professor in the classroom and in conference should encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression. Student performance should be evaluated solely on the basis of academics and not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards.

- A. *Protection of Freedom of Expression:* Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the context of any course of study for which they are enrolled.
- B. *Protection Against Improper Academic Evaluation:* Students should have protection through orderly procedure against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. At the same time, they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled.
- C. *Protection Against Improper Disclosure:* Information about student views, beliefs, and political associations which professors acquire in the course of their work as instructors, advisers, and counselors should be considered confidential. Protection against improper disclosure is a serious professional obligation. Judgments of ability and character may be provided under appropriate circumstances, normally with the knowledge or consent of the student.

III. STUDENT RECORDS

Transcripts of academic records should contain only information about the academic status of the student and such action by the College, as suspension or expulsion for academic or disciplinary reasons which affect the student's eligibility to register at the College. Information from counseling or disciplinary files should not be available to unauthorized persons on campus, or to any person off campus without the express consent of the student involved except under legal compulsion or in cases where the safety of persons or property is involved. No records should be kept which reflect the political activities or beliefs of students. Administrative staff and faculty should respect confidential information about students which they acquire in the course of their work.

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In student activities, certain standards must be maintained if the freedom of students is to be preserved.

- A. *Freedom of Association:* Students bring to the campus a variety of interests previously acquired and develop many new interests as members of the academic community. They should be free to organize and join those organizations which promote these interests.
 - 1. The membership policies, and actions of a student organization usually will be determined by vote of only those persons who hold bonafide membership in the college community.
 - 2. Affiliation with an extramural organization should not of itself disqualify a student organization from institutional approval.
 - 3. Faculty advisers are required and each organization is free to choose its own adviser. Faculty advisers may advise organizations in the exercise of responsibility, but they should not have the authority to control the policy of such organizations.
 - 4. Student organizations may be required to submit a statement of purpose, criteria for membership, rules of procedures, and a current list of officers. They should not be required to submit a membership list as a condition of institutional recognition.

5. Campus organizations, including those affiliated with an extramural organization, should be open to all students without respect to race, creed, or national origin, except for religious qualifications which may be required by organizations whose aims are primarily sectarian.

B. *Freedom of Inquiry and Expression*

1. Students and student organizations should be free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them, and should be free to express opinions publicly and privately. They should always be free to support causes by orderly means which do not disrupt the regular and essential operation of the College. At the same time, it should be made clear to the academic and the larger community that in their public expressions or demonstrations, students or student organizations speak only for themselves.
2. Students should be allowed to invite and hear any person of their choosing, in keeping with the educational objectives of the College. Those routine procedures required by the College before a guest speaker is invited to appear on campus should be designed only to insure that there is an orderly scheduling of facilities and adequate preparation for the event, and that the occasion is conducted in a manner appropriate to an academic community. The College control of campus facilities should not be used as a device of censorship. It should provide for and make clear to the academic and larger community that sponsorship of guest speakers does not necessarily imply approval of, endorsement of, or agreement with the views expressed, either by the individual, sponsoring group, or institution.

C. *Student Participation in College Government:* As members of the academic community, students should be free, individually or collectively, to express their views on issues of institutional policy and on matters of general interest to the student body. Students should have representation on all committees of the College except Administrative Committees and the Faculty Personnel and Economic Policy Committee. The actions of the student government within the areas of its jurisdiction should be reviewed through orderly and prescribed procedures.

D. *Student Publications:* Student publications are a valuable aid in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and of intellectual exploration of the campus. They are a means of bringing student concerns to the attention of the faculty and the College authorities and of formulating student opinion on various issues on the campus and the world at large.

Centenary College, a publisher of the student publications, may have to bear the legal responsibility for the contents of the publications. In the delegation of editorial responsibility to students, the College must provide sufficient editorial freedom and financial autonomy for the student publication to maintain its integrity of purpose as a vehicle for free inquiry and free expression in the academic community.

The editorial freedom of student editors and managers entails corollary responsibilities to be governed by the canons of responsible journalism, such as the avoidance of libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and the techniques of harassment and innuendo. As safeguards for the editorial freedom of student publications the following provisions are necessary:

1. The student press should be free of censorship and advance copy approval, and its editors and managers should be free to develop their own editorial policies and news coverage.
2. Editors and managers of student publications should be protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administrative, or public disapproval of editorial policy or content. Only for proper and stated causes should editors and managers be subject to removal. The Student Publications Committee is responsible for the appointment of editors and managers and should be the agency responsible for their removal.
3. All College published and financed student publications should explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions there expressed are not necessarily those of the College or the student body at large.

V. OFF-CAMPUS FREEDOM OF STUDENTS

A. *Exercise of Rights of Citizenship:* College students are both citizens and members of the academic community. As citizens, students should enjoy the same freedoms of speech, peaceful assembly, and right of position that other citizens enjoy, and as members of the academic community they are subject to the obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership.

Faculty and administrative officials should insure that College powers are not employed to inhibit such intellectual and personal development to students as is often promoted by their exercise of the rights of citizenship both on and off campus.

B. *College Authority and Civil Penalties:* Activities of students may upon occasion result in violation of law. In such cases, College officials should apprise students of sources of legal counsel and may offer other assistance. Students who violate the law may incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities and while College authority should not be used merely to duplicate the function of general laws, College action shall not be precluded merely because the student has violated the civil statute. Only where the College interests as an academic community are distinct and clearly involved should the special approval of the College be assessed. The student who incidentally violates College regulations in the course of his off-campus activity, such as those relating to class attendance, should be subject to no greater penalty than would normally be imposed. College action should be independent of community pressure.

VI. PROCEDURAL STANDARDS IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

In developing responsible student conduct, disciplinary proceedings play a substantial role secondary to example, counseling, guidance, and admonition. At the same time, the College has a duty and the corollary disciplinary powers to protect its educational purpose through the setting of standards of scholarship and conduct for the student and through the regulation for the use of College facilities. In the exceptional circumstances when the preferred means fail to resolve problems of student conduct, proper procedural safeguards should be observed to protect the student from unfair imposition of serious penalties.

The Administration of discipline should guarantee procedural fairness to an accused student. Practices in disciplinary cases may vary in formality with the gravity of the offense and the sanctions which may be applied. The jurisdictions of student judicial bodies, the disciplinary responsibilities of College officials and the regular disciplinary procedures, including the student's right to appeal a decision are clearly formulated and appear in this publication. Minor penalties may be assessed informally under prescribed procedures.

A. *Standards of Conduct Expected of Students:* The College has an obligation to clarify those standards of behavior which it considers essential to its educational mission and its community life. These general behavioral expectations and the resultant specific regulations should represent a reasonable regulation of student conduct but the student should be as free as possible from imposed limitations that have no direct relevance to his education. Offenses should be as clearly defined as possible and interpreted in a manner consistent with the aforementioned principles of relevance and reasonableness. Disciplinary proceedings should be instituted only for violations of standards of conduct formulated with significant student participation and published in advance through the student handbook and College catalogue.

B. *Investigation of Student Conduct:*

1. Except under extreme emergency circumstances, premises occupied by students and personal possessions of students should not be searched unless appropriate authorization has been obtained from the Dean of Students. The search application should specify the reasons for the search and the object or information sought. The student should be present, if possible, during the search. For premises not controlled by the College, the ordinary requirements for lawful search should be followed.
2. Students detected or arrested in the course of serious violations of College regulations, or infractions of ordinary law, should be informed of their rights. No form of harassment should be used by College representatives to coerce admissions of guilt or information about conduct of other suspected persons.
3. Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as detracting from the traditional plenary powers of the President of the College and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the President of the College may on his own initiative and at his own discretion immediately and without any procedural requirements whatsoever suspend or expel the student, or otherwise suspend or terminate his right to be present on the campus, or to attend classes. Such action subject to review by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee, but the status of the student pending final action shall remain that in which he has been placed by the president.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. SENATE - legislative and administrative powers of SGA

A. Membership

1. Qualifications
 - a) full-time student throughout term of office
 - b) 2.00 GPA throughout term of office
2. Representation
 - a) three representatives from each class
 - b) four officers elected at large

B. Officers (same requirements as above; in addition must be students who, by the beginning of the next academic year, will be classified as juniors or seniors)

1. President
 - a) presides over SGA
 - b) plans agenda
 - c) member of Board of Trustees (ex-officio)
 - d) official representative of SGA to Centenary College
 - e) chief administrative officer of Senate
 - f) member of Student Life Committee

2. Vice-President
 - a) assistant administrative officer
 - b) parliamentarian
 - c) responsible for receiving committee reports and proposed legislation two days prior to meeting
 - d) oversees committee structure
 - e) chairman of College Relations Committee
 3. Secretary
 - a) chairman of Publicity Committee
 - b) takes minutes and is responsible for sending minutes and agenda to members one day prior to meetings
 - c) responsible for all office work and all Senate correspondence
 - d) responsible for keeping official records of SGA
 4. Treasurer
 - a) administrator of SGA budget
 - b) propose budget at the beginning of each semester
 - c) responsible for prompt payment of all bills, transfer to senate funds, and all other financial proceedings, under auspices of the Senate
 - d) have access to all financial records of any organization which requests or receives any funds from the SGA
 - e) on call of Senate, shall report to the student body a list of expenditures per activity, a balance sheet, and any other material pertinent to student interest
 - f) submit to incoming and outgoing Senate a report of all financial proceedings, plus responsibility for instructing the incoming treasurer.
- C. Election Procedure
1. Each candidate for Senate office shall secure a petition with student signatures requesting his nomination to the office.
 - a) 25 signatures from his class for class representatives
 - b) 50 signatures at large for Senate officers
 2. Each candidate shall secure proof of GPA
 3. Election procedure shall be regulated by the Elections Committee as stated in this Constitution.
 4. All full-time students may vote in SGA elections.
 5. Installation of new Senate: The newly elected Senate must be installed by the out-going president of the Senate no later than 10 days after the spring general elections.
- D. Impeachment Proceedings
1. Any senator may be removed from office by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Senate for:
 - a) consistent failure to discharge duties
 - b) petition, calling for Senate consideration of impeachment signed by 20% of representative's constituents, will require Senate consideration
 2. Any senator will be automatically removed for:
 - a) three (3) unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Senate meetings
 - b) failure to meet qualifications for holding office as stated in Section A, No. 1.
- E. Committee Structure
1. Standing Committees
 - a) appointment procedure
 - 1) at the beginning of each academic year, when committee positions are filled, the Senate will be responsible for conducting a poll for student preferences for committee assignments
 - 2) chairmen are appointed by the majority vote of the Senate
 - 3) members are appointed by the chairman of the Committee from a list of students expressing preference for that committee, with Senate approval and/or additions from the student body
 - b) general responsibilities of chairmen:
 - 1) present at all meetings of Senate; three (3) unexcused absences will be grounds for dismissal
 - 2) report any proposed legislation or action to the vice-president two (2) days prior to any regularly scheduled Senate meeting
 - 3) responsible for informing publicity chairman of assistance needed by the committee
 - c) committees and responsibilities
 - 1) *Entertainment* - shall oversee all social activities conducted by Senate and all activities delegated to it by the Senate; shall secure all Senate sponsored visual entertainment; shall be responsible for conducting a student preference survey prior to the selection of the semester's films
 - 2) *Forums* - shall secure all Senate sponsored speakers; shall be responsible for conducting a student preference survey prior to the selection of the semester's speakers
 - 3) *Elections* - shall oversee and regulate all electoral proceedings in the SGA; shall be responsible for the enforcement of all electoral rules; shall submit to the secretary of the Senate a complete list of election results; shall regulate each spring general election and all necessary special elections of Senate, Judicial

Board, and any other Senate directed electoral activity; shall rule on all election disputes, having final authority in all electoral disputes

4) *College Relations* - shall oversee relations with faculty, administration, and student-faculty committees; shall be responsible for submitting and pursuing all Senate sponsored proposals to any non-student organization, group, or committee; shall further the legal rights of students in their relationships with administration, faculty, college committees, and any other group or organization in the college community

5) *Publicity* - shall be responsible for assisting the secretary with publicity on and off campus

F. A quorum constituting $\frac{1}{2}$ of the voting membership of the Senate must be present before any official business may proceed.

ARTICLE II. JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE SGA - to adjudicate conflicts arising from violation of College regulations, and to execute judgments of said adjudication, there shall exist the following judicial branches of the SGA with the following powers:

A. Dorm Councils

1. Shall exist for internal regulation of dorm life
2. Dorm constitutions must be within guidelines of SGA Constitution, subject to review and alteration by the Senate.
3. Composition and membership of dorm councils shall be left to the discretion of individual dorms.
4. The dorm councils shall have the power to impose any penalty appropriate to minor infractions, short of restriction of campus privileges, social probation, suspension, or expulsion from the College.

B. Judicial Board

1. Membership - Judicial Board shall be composed of seven members: one male and one female from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, and one representative-at-large.
2. Qualifications
 - a) full-time student
 - b) 2.00 GPA
 - c) not a member of any dorm council, Student-Faculty Discipline Committee, Honor Court, or the Student Senate
3. Duties and Powers
 - a) the Board shall have the power to hear and act on all cases referred to it by the Dean of Students or appealed to it by a student
 - b) the power of the Board shall include the power to impose any penalty except suspension or expulsion from the College.
 - c) in appellate cases, the Board shall have the power to uphold or decrease the penalty of a dorm council, but in no case may it increase the penalty.
 - d) the Board has the power to adopt its own by-laws within the guidelines set forth in this Constitution, subject to Senate approval.
4. Election Regulations
 - a) all members are elected during the spring general election regulated by the Elections Committee and will take office at the beginning of the next academic year.
 - b) the two sophomore representatives and the at-large representatives will serve a one-year term. The junior representatives will serve a second-year as senior representatives. A special election will be held to fill any vacancy.
 - c) prior to the general election, all candidates must present to the Elections Committee a petition with 25 signatures from full-time students of his class. The at-large representatives must present a petition with 50 signatures from full-time students.
5. Impeachment Procedure
 - a) any student, including judicial board members, may bring before the Senate charges of dereliction of duty, against any judicial board member.
 - b) on motion by any two senators, the Senate will sit in judgment of the accused board member, following the same rules of procedure and observing all rights for the accused as guaranteed by this Constitution.
 - c) A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote will be necessary for conviction and removal from office of any judicial board member.

C. Student-Faculty Discipline Committee

1. Student membership - shall be nominated by a majority vote of the Senate, subject to the approval of the President of the College.
2. Qualifications - must be full-time students and have a 2.00 GPA.

ARTICLE III. REGULATIONS IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS

A. Regulations concerning procedure:

1. Before each case is heard, the accused must be informed of all rights and regulations enumerated in Article III of this Constitution and in the Constitution or by-laws of the particular judicial body.
2. All charges and allegations against the accused must be made available to him in written form prior to the presentation of any evidence.
3. The accused must be allowed sufficient time to prepare a defense. In this defense, the accused has the right to present any evidence or witnesses in his own behalf.
4. The accused must be present during the entire proceedings of his case, except when the judicial body confers to reach a verdict.
5. The accused has the right to appeal to the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee the assignment of his case to a particular judicial body by the Dean of Students if the accused considers that assignment unjust.

B. Procedure concerning the gathering and presentation of evidence:

1. Information which is not relevant to the case before the particular judicial body shall not be presented as evidence.
2. No evidence may be admitted or considered by a judicial body without the knowledge of the accused, nor without allowing the accused sufficient time to prepare a defense for that evidence.
3. No information may be presented as evidence which is not in written form, with the exception of oral testimony.
4. All consultations between the accused and his faculty advisor, or between the accused and any administrator or faculty member acting in a counseling capacity, shall be considered privileged information and therefore inadmissible as evidence without the express written consent of the accused.

C. Procedure concerning appeals:

1. Upon reaching a verdict, the judicial body must immediately inform the accused of his rights to appeal.
 2. The accused has the right to appeal any case (within a certain time period) to the immediately higher judicial level in the order of:
 - a) Judicial Board
 - b) Student-Faculty Discipline Committee
 - c) President of the College
 3. Only the judicial body or person appealed to considers the justifiability of the appeal. Permission of the Dean of Students or any other administrator is not required.
 4. The judicial body appealed from must make available to the accused, in writing, a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of his hearing within seven days after being notified of the appeal by the accused. The record must include:
 - a) a statement of charges and allegations brought against the accused
 - b) written evidence presented during the course of the hearing
 - c) a list of all witnesses presenting oral testimony during the course of the hearing with a brief statement identifying the content of that testimony.
 - d) a written statement of the body's decision
- D. Failure on the part of any judicial body to observe any regulation of Article III shall hereby be considered a violation of due process, and as such, sufficient grounds for appeal.

ARTICLE IV. GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Separation of Powers

1. No student may serve on more than one of the following bodies:
 - a) Senate of the SGA
 - b) Judicial Board
 - c) Student-Faculty Discipline Committee
 - d) Honor Court
2. No student may serve on more than one judicial body.

B. Amendment Process

1. This Constitution may be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Senate.
2. A petition signed by 20% of the full-time students shall require the Senate to consider a requested amendment.
3. All amendments approved by the Senate must be approved by a majority vote of the student body.
4. Faculty approval is necessary for all amendments.

C. Ratification of Future Constitutions - any new constitution of the SGA must be approved with a majority vote by the following bodies:

1. The Student Senate
2. The Student Body, voting in a special election
3. The Faculty

STUDENT-FACULTY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

PURPOSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A primary function of the committee is to consider and decide upon all cases involving non-academic misconduct the penalty for which may be expulsion or suspension. This provision does not affect the responsibility of the President of the College under the charter for maintenance of discipline of the College.
2. The committee also decides upon appeals resulting from other disciplinary action. If the student questions the fairness of a disciplinary action taken against him by a dean, or a student judicial body, he should be granted on request the privilege of a hearing before this committee.
3. At the request of the Executive Council of SGA, the committee will rule upon the constitutionality of actions taken by the Student Government Association.
4. Furthermore, the committee should stay informed about disciplinary problems and make recommendations to judicial bodies and members of the administration charged with disciplinary responsibilities.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

1. The committee shall be composed of seven voting members and four alternates: three Faculty members and two Faculty alternates, three student members and two student alternates, and a Faculty chairman. The chairman should have a minimum of one year's previous service on the committee. The Dean of Students, though not a member of the committee, functions as its executive officer: i.e., he is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the decisions of the committee.
2. The three voting and two alternate Faculty members of the committee are recommended by the Committee on Faculty Organization and appointed by the President for terms of one academic year. Whenever possible, for purposes of continuity, Faculty members will serve more than one term.
3. The three voting and two alternate student members shall be nominated by a majority vote of the Student Senate, subject to the approval of the President of the College.
4. The alternate members of the committee attend meetings, and participate at the call of the committee chairman.
5. The composition of the committee during the summer will be determined by the committee at its May meeting.
6. Whenever possible, appointments to this committee are made with due consideration for the principle of separation of power as defined in the "Constitution of the Student Body of Centenary College of Louisiana."

PROCEDURAL RULES

1. The committee will meet at least twice each semester to discuss procedure and campus disciplinary problems.
2. The committee chairperson or the President of Centenary College can call a meeting of the committee at any time, either by verbal or written notice.
3. The Committee chairperson is empowered to call the committee together to hear a disciplinary case at any time either by verbal or written notice.
4. The details of a hearing will not be disclosed to the members in advance.
5. The proceedings of disciplinary hearings are held in strict confidence.
6.
 - (a) The committee chairperson must make available to the accused, in writing, all charges brought against him. The specific regulation(s) that are alleged to have been violated must be stated. The date, time and place of the hearing must be stated.
 - (b) The accused must be allowed a minimum of three (3) class days to prepare a defense.
 - (c) The accused must be informed that he has the right to be assisted in his defense by a Centenary College faculty or administrative adviser of his choice. At his request, the committee chairperson will assist in locating an adviser.
 - (d) Letters must also be sent to the accuser(s) and witnesses.
7. Three student members, three faculty members and the chairperson must be present in order for the committee to hear a case and make a decision.
8. No member of the committee who is interested in a particular case in any way other than his official function as a member of the committee shall be present, as a committee member, during the proceedings.
9. The charges must be read to the accused and the accused asked, "How do you reply to these charge(s)?"
10. The burden of proof rests upon the person(s) bringing the charge(s).

11. The student shall be given the opportunity and encouraged to testify and present evidence and witnesses. In appeals from decisions by the Honor Court, the Honor Court will be the accuser and will be bound by provisions of Article 7 of the Honor Court Constitution.

In all other cases, the student shall have an opportunity to hear and question adverse witnesses. In such case(s), the committee shall not consider statements against him unless he has been advised of their content and of the names of those who made them, and unless he has been given an opportunity to rebut unfavorable inferences which might otherwise be drawn.

12. (a) All members of the committee have the right to question the accused, the accuser, and the witnesses.
(b) The accused has the right to question the accuser and witnesses.
(c) The accused remains in the room as long as his case is being heard and until the committee is ready to deliberate, or until the committee calls another person accused in a related case.
13. (a) The decision of the committee shall be based solely upon matters considered by the committee at the hearing.
(b) The chairperson communicates the decision to the accused. A letter of confirmation follows.
14. The chairperson has four digests of proceedings prepared by a committee member or a member of the college secretarial staff. One digest will be kept in the files of the chairperson, and the other three in the offices of the President of the College, Dean of the College and Dean of Students.
15. For the Discipline Committee to consider an appeal, the student must file such an appeal in writing with the committee chairperson within one week after the decision has been rendered by a lower body. (Appeals of decisions of the Honor Court must be made to the Dean of the College in accordance with Article X of the Honor Court Constitution.)
16. The decision of the Discipline Committee is final, subject only to the student's appeal to the President of the College or ultimately to the Board of Trustees.
17. Nothing herein shall be regarded as detracting from the President's powers as set forth in the statement on student rights and freedoms as it appears in the student handbook.

HONOR COURT CONSTITUTION

(Passed 5/16/77)

ARTICLE I. HONOR CODE

Each student who enrolls in Centenary College undergraduate classes during the regular academic year becomes a part of the Centenary Honor System and is responsible to the Honor Code in both day and night classes. Thus, he becomes a member of the college community.

The Honor Code of Centenary College is founded on the idea that honor is that intangible quality which, if it pervades all phases of campus life, will tend to foster a spirit of dignity and personal integrity. Inherent in the system must be the premise that students will not tolerate a violation of the Honor Code. With such a goal, the Honor System is established with the realization that honor must be fostered and not forced, and with the awareness that it will be successful only through the combined and cooperative efforts of faculty, administration and students.

ARTICLE II. GROUNDS FOR CONVICTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE

Section One. Cheating on Tests and Examinations

1. Using notes, the textbook, or reference material during a test or examination, unless students are specifically authorized to do so by the teacher of the class.
2. Looking on the test paper of another student in the class.
3. Giving or receiving unauthorized aid verbally or in writing.

Section Two. Cheating on Papers

1. Plagiarism is defined as borrowing phrases, ideas, or other material (e.g., maps and charts) from any source without giving adequate credit;
2. Papers may not be proofread by anyone other than the author
3. Papers may not be corrected by any typist other than the author.
4. No student may submit any work which he (or another student) has submitted for credit in any other course without permission of the second instructor.

Section Three. Failure to Adhere to Specific Requirements of Professors

Students are responsible for finding out a professor's requirements for examinations, papers, written homework, lab reports, tutoring, and all other work as he relates them to the Honor Court. Failure to adhere to these requirements is a violation of the Honor Code.

Clarification and exceptions:

1. On papers professors may
 - a. Grant that a paper be proofread by parties other than the author
 - b. Prescribe limitations on the sources to be used
 - c. Make special stipulation concerning crediting of sources
 - d. Grant permission to any student to submit any work which he or another student has submitted for credit in any other course.
2. Written homework and laboratory reports
 - a. Students may work together, provided that each member of the group understands the work being done, and the instructor has authorized this procedure.
 - b. All data must be reported by the student as observed in his experiment.
 - c. Professors may
 - (1) Require that all or part of the assignment be done by each student individually
 - (2) Require that secondary sources consulted be credited
3. Tutoring.

Students must find out from a professor what kind of help may be received from tutor on assigned work.

Section Four. Failure to Appear

If the accused, or a called witness, fails to appear, or fails to submit an adequate excuse to the Court, he shall receive an Honor Court Conviction.

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATIONS AND PAPERS

Suggestions by the Honor Court to alleviate suspicion of Honor Code violations:

1. Every effort should be made by the student to place himself in the classroom seating arrangement so as to minimize the suspicion of a violation.
2. Students should remove all notebooks, textbooks, and other written material from their desks. Only exam material shall be within view.
3. Students should check with professors concerning any questions about papers.
4. Permission for combined work on projects and assignments does not necessarily imply authorized collaboration on resulting papers and reports.

ARTICLE IV. FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Section One. As a member of the Centenary Community, each faculty member is responsible for reporting all cases of suspected cheating on tests, plagiarisms, and other violations of the Honor Code to a member of the Court rather than handling the case and penalty personally.

Section Two. Faculty members shall abide by the decision of the court in grading the student suspected of the violation.

Section Three. Members of the faculty who teach in the Evening Division will inform all students in any Evening Division class that they shall abide by the Honor Code in night classes.

Section Four. Faculty members shall explain all requirements for take-home tests.

ARTICLE V. ADDITIONAL FACULTY PARTICIPATION

A faculty member is urged to do the following:

1. Inform his students of regulations that apply to academic integrity in his course, and to make clear to what extent collaborative work or the exchange of aid and information (studying together, tutoring, proofreading of papers) is acceptable to him.
2. Constructively admonish a student who he feels is drifting into questionable practices in order to improve the student's understanding of his intellectual responsibility.
3. Explain directions on examinations and inform students of his whereabouts during an examination should questions arise.
4. Instruct students to write and sign the honor pledge on each test and each piece of work that is to be done independently.
5. Impress upon students their responsibility to report all suspected instances of cheating, plagiarism, or other violations of both the Honor Code and his own class regulations.

ARTICLE VI. THE PLEDGE

Students are required to write the following pledge at the end of any examination or piece of independent work:

"I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this examination (paper), nor have I seen anyone else do so."

If the student has received aid or has suspicion of a violation of the Honor Code, the following clause is to be added to the pledge: "...except as I shall report immediately to a member of the Honor Court."

The complete pledge will be written out in hand by the student, and should never be written until the test or paper has been completed for submission to the professor or student. Any violation shall be reported immediately to a member of the Honor Court.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTING OFFENDERS OF THE HONOR CODE

Any suspected Honor Code violation shall be reported immediately. Reports of violation of the Honor Code shall be made to any member of the Honor Court, or to the Honor Court through campus mail. All written communication must be signed, but the identity of the reporting student shall be known only to the members of the Honor Court. This Court shall be pledged not to divulge this information.

ARTICLE VIII. HEARINGS

After receiving communication of a suspected Honor Code violation, the Honor Court shall have one (1) class day to send written notice to the defendant. Upon receiving notice, the defendant shall then have three (3) class days to prepare his case. The defendant has the right to waive his three day preparation period.

All hearings shall be closed. In order to protect the identity of the reporting party, the accuser and the accused will be called at separate times.

Except under very exceptional circumstances, decisions on cases of violations of the Honor Code shall be handed down within three (3) days of the hearing.

Students and faculty members shall appear on request at Honor Court hearings. Either the defendant or plaintiff may call witnesses in their behalf, but the Honor Court shall determine whether the defendant or plaintiff may be present during the testimony or questions of their witnesses.

Findings of the Honor Court shall be published; however, in such reports of findings, facts shall be omitted which would lead to the identification of the principals involved.

A quorum in the Honor Court shall be four members. The votes of four of the members of the Honor Court in favor of conviction shall be necessary for the conviction of an accused student.

ARTICLE IX. PENALTIES

After hearings the Honor Court shall return a verdict of "guilty" or "not guilty" and shall assess penalties for Honor Code offenses as follows.

A. For conviction on the first offense the Honor Court has an option on the following penalties:

1. Conviction, no further penalty
2. Conviction with option to redo work. *Students may* redo the work with no grade assessed to the original work. The new work shall be submitted to the professor for a grade. Should the student fail to submit the new work within a time limit agreed upon by the student and the professor, the student shall receive an "F" in the work.
3. Conviction with "F" in work
4. Conviction with "F" in course
5. Conviction with recommendation to the Dean of the College for suspension for a semester
6. Conviction with recommendation to the Dean of the College for expulsion from the College

The numerical value of the "F" in the above penalties shall be determined by the teacher of the course with the stipulation that the "F" be no higher than any honestly obtained "F" on the work by any member of the class (or group of classes).

B. Conviction on the second offense imposes an automatic penalty of expulsion.

ARTICLE X. APPEAL PROCEDURE

Appeal from conviction of an honor code offense shall be made to the Dean of the College *within seven (7) working days of notification of conviction* by presenting to him the reasons in writing for requesting reconsideration of the case. If the Dean considers the request justified, the *appeal* will then be heard by the joint Student-Faculty Discipline Committee, and their decision will be final.

ARTICLE XI. ORGANIZATION OF THE COURT

Section One. Composition

The Honor Court shall consist of five members and two alternate members nominated by the faculty and student body.

Section Two. Selection

Nominations shall be made by the student body and the faculty to fill any vacancies in the Honor Court. The Court shall then choose sufficient names from the list to fill vacancies on the Court. The new Court shall assume its duties upon election. In the event that vacancies on the Court should develop at a time other than the end of the school year, the vacancies shall be filled by the alternate members. Vacancies in alternate positions shall be filled at the discretion of the court.

Section Three. Qualifications

The members of the Honor Court shall:

1. Be of junior or senior standing in Centenary College at the end of the semester during which the office is to be assumed.
2. Be enrolled in at least their second semester at Centenary College.
3. Not hold any elected office to the Student Government Association, membership on a judicial board, or membership on the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee.
4. Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above at the time of election.

Section Four. Term of Office

Terms of members of the Honor Court shall be from the time of selection until graduation or voluntary withdrawal from the Honor Court of the College.

Section Five. Officers of the Honor Court and Duties

1. CHIEF JUSTICE. The office of Chief Justice shall be elected from the members of the Court before the end of the spring semester of each year. The term of office of the Chief Justice shall be one year. He may, however, succeed himself. The Chief Justice shall have overall supervision of the work of the Court. It shall be his duty to call sessions of Court as the need arises and to preside over the sessions.
2. ASSOCIATE JUSTICE. The Associate Justice shall be elected at the same time from the membership of the Court. He shall serve in the place of the Chief Justice in the event of the absence or inability to serve of the Chief Justice. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, the Court may at its discretion elect a new Chief Justice or elevate and replace the Associate Justice.
3. CLERK. The Court shall at the same time select from its membership a court clerk who shall be responsible for maintaining the necessary records of the sessions. In the absence of the duly elected Clerk, the Chief Justice shall appoint one of the Court to serve in that capacity.
4. The Honor Court shall select annually two members of the Centenary College regular day Faculty to serve as Faculty advisers. These advisers shall have no power other than to advise. They shall serve also as liaison with the Faculty members who might be involved in any case, and participate in questioning according to the general policy determined by the Honor Court.

Section Six. Impeachment Proceedings

1. Any justice may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the entire Honor Court for
 - (a) Consistent failure to discharge duties.
 - (b) Conviction of an Honor Code offense.
2. The member under consideration for removal may not vote in the removal proceedings.

ARTICLE XII. ORIENTATION PROCEDURES OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

Section One. Responsibility for conducting all phases of Honor System orientation shall rest upon the current Honor Court.

Section Two. Presentation to Faculty

1. At the Pre-Registration Conference of each new school year, the Faculty shall be briefed on the Honor System by the current Chief Justice of the Honor Court, or a representative of that body, given constitutions, and made aware of their several areas of responsibility.
2. The responsibilities and suggestions to the Faculty shall be stressed as being a part of the Constitution (see Articles IV and V).

Section Three. Presentation to New Students

The current Honor Court shall be responsible for making available an explanation of the purposes and operations of the Honor System of the College to all new students, however, **it is the student's responsibility** to familiarize himself with the Honor System.

Section Four. Presentation to Student Body

Each semester an effort shall be made by the Honor Court to impress upon the student body the purposes and mechanics of the Honor System.

Section Five. The Signing of the Code Card at Registration

As a part of the registration procedure, each student will sign a statement agreeing to abide by the Honor Code of the College, which will be included on the general registration form.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section One. Proposal

Amendments to this constitution may originate with either the Honor Court or the Student Government Association. Suggestions for amendments may be submitted to either body.

Section Two. Ratification

1. Proposed amendments to the Honor Court Constitution originating in the Student Government Association shall be approved by the Honor Court with a 4/5 vote. Amendments originating in the Honor Court shall be approved by the Student Government Association with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
2. Amendments must be approved by the faculty and, in a general election, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the voting student body to become a part of this constitution. Approval may be made first by either body.
3. The amendment shall take effect immediately upon ratification.

GUIDELINES FOR THE HONOR SYSTEM

1. ADVANTAGES OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

We of Centenary College are proud of the fact that our students govern their own academic performance through an Honor Code which they helped to write, and which they themselves administer.

A national survey has shown that cheating occurs more often on campuses where no joint Honor System is in effect and where enforcement of honesty is left up to faculty alone. It occurs least often among students in colleges where both students and faculty participate in a functioning Honor System.

Our Honor System is a classic example of growing student participation in self-government and responsibility for administrative affairs on campus. The increased freedom it affords gives those who participate in it room to grow in maturity and responsibility, and to strengthen qualities of honesty and integrity.

Sharing with the student body in the observance and administering of the Honor Code also benefits the College faculty. Faculty and students become partners in striving toward a lofty goal, and their common striving builds an atmosphere of trust and confidence. Faculty members are also relieved of the necessity of filling the distasteful role of policeman.

We developed the Honor System at Centenary College because the students proposed the idea to the College faculty and asked that the faculty join in writing and administering a workable code. The Code was tried on an experimental basis in some departments of the College in 1953, and soon thereafter the present Honor Code was adopted as binding for all regular students of the College.

2. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Basically the Code provides that a student will neither cheat nor will he tolerate cheating on the part of others.

If you have registered at Centenary, you have signed a pact which automatically includes you as a part of our Honor System, binding you to its terms and committing you to uphold its principles and its provisions. You have agreed to present work for credit which is wholly and only your own. When exams are given or when you present written work and research papers, no professor or proctor should be required as a policeman to insure that the work is your own, although a teacher may do so in incidents of suspected violation of the Honor Code. Your own personal integrity is your proctor.

We administer the Code through a Student Court composed of five members and two alternates who are chosen from among nominations made by the student body and the faculty. One member is elected to preside as chief justice. At least one faculty member serves as adviser and liaison officer. The Constitution of the Honor Court provides that all violations of the Code shall be referred at once to the Court. It also provides for hearings, suitable penalties upon conviction, and appeal of conviction.

A conviction before the Honor Court for violation of the Honor Code may result in one of the following penalties: Conviction without further penalty, Honor Court F on the work, Honor Court F in the course, suspension for one semester or permanent expulsion from Centenary. Every student should thoroughly familiarize himself with the Honor Court Constitution printed in another part of *The Centenary College Student Handbook* in order to understand exactly what his responsibilities are under the Honor System.

If you suspect that a violation of the Honor Code has occurred, it is your obligation to inform a member of the Honor Court of this fact as soon as possible. Names of the members of the Court will be posted in each classroom. If you do not know any of these students, you may send written notice to the Faculty Adviser, Honor Court, through campus mail.

The Honor Court Constitution and the Honor Code are printed in full detail elsewhere in *The Centenary College Student Handbook*, which all incoming students are expected to read carefully. The Honor System is also explained to new students during formal orientation each fall.

3. RESEARCH PAPERS AND THE HONOR SYSTEM

Most commonly, violations of the Honor Code concern plagiarism. In the interests of clarification, these guidelines are offered.

Plagiarism in any work done under the Honor System is a violation of the Honor Code, and is a serious offense.

You will be plagiarizing if (1) you are not accurate in indicating direct quotations from any source, including textbooks, or (2) you do not completely reword when you paraphrase. Rewording includes using your own language and your own sentence structure. A paraphrase should sound like you, not like the source with the words shifted around. Both quotations and paraphrasing require documentation. Any plagiarism, intentional or not, casts doubt on the honesty of all your statements.

A Short Guide to Manuscript and Documentation Form, by Allen and Colbrunn, found under 029.6, AL53s, and the *MLA Style Sheet*, found under 029.6, M72s, are both on permanent reserve in the library for your reference use. These pamphlets, along with the freshman English textbook and this explanation, should indicate exactly what is not proper credit and correct form for giving credit.

Borrowing an author's **ideas** and putting them into your own words is **paraphrasing** and requires that credit be given for the ideas by means of a footnote or other clear procedure. Neither quotation marks nor indentation is used for paraphrasing. If you present another person's ideas as your own, by **not** giving credit, you are plagiarizing. When in doubt, footnote!

Borrowing an author's exact **words is quoting** and also requires a footnote or other clear credit to the source. Quotes must be placed in quotation marks, and if the quote is long, it should also be indented and single spaced. If you quote an author and do **not** put the quote in quotation marks or indent, you are plagiarizing **even if you do give a footnote!** You are borrowing not only the author's ideas, but are presenting the words as your own. You still are not giving full credit, and thus are plagiarizing. Usually, two or more distinctive and sequential words from the source should be placed in quotation marks.

Following is a reproduction of part of page 208 of *Recent American Literature* by Donald Heiney (Great Neck, New York: Barron's Educational Series, 1958). Following this reproduction are examples of three students' use of this reference in research papers. Two of the students, A and B, have given improper credit and therefore are guilty of plagiarism. Student C has given proper credit.

The original passage:

The awarding of the Nobel Prize to Faulkner in 1950 has brought home to the American public the fact that in Europe he is considered the foremost living American author; today many American critics are inclined to agree in this judgment. The distinction is one to which he is well entitled. He is sometimes considered an agrarian naturalist in the manner of Erskine Caldwell; actually he is more meaningful and profound, as well as more artistically original, than any of the American naturalists with the possible exception of Hemingway. His novels are generally laid in rural settings, but the problems they treat are psychological and moral rather than physical. His great subject is the decline of the South: its economic sterility, its moral disintegration, and its struggle to resist the progressive and materialistic civilization of the North.

Student A's paper:

The awarding of the Nobel Prize to Faulkner in 1950 has brought home to the American public the fact that in Europe he is considered the foremost living American author. His naturalism is sometimes compared to that of Erskine Caldwell. Faulkner's naturalism is illustrated by his use of rural settings in his novels. His great subject is the decline of the South: its economic sterility, its moral disintegration, and its struggle to resist the progressive and materialistic civilization of the North.

Student A has plagiarized both ideas and words by presenting them as his own without any footnotes at all. He has violated the Honor Code.

Student B's paper:

The awarding of the Nobel Prize to Faulkner in 1950 has brought home to the American public the fact that in Europe he is considered the foremost living American author. His naturalism is sometimes compared to that of Erskine Caldwell. Faulkner's naturalism is illustrated by his use of rural settings in his novels. His great subject is the decline of the South: its economic sterility, its moral disintegration and its struggle to resist the progressive and materialistic civilization of the North¹

¹Donald Heiney, *Recent American Literature*, (Great Neck, New York: Barron's Educational Series, 1958), p. 208.

Student B has given credit for the borrowed ideas by his footnote, but not for the words, which are also borrowed in places. Although a few words are changed there are still complete sentences lifted intact from the original work without giving credit for the author's words. Student B also has violated the Honor Code.

Student C's paper:

Faulkner's great talent has made him "the foremost living American author"¹ to European critics. The rural settings of many of his novels illustrate his naturalism which is often compared with that of Erskine Caldwell. The Central theme of Faulkner's novels is the decline of the South.²

¹Donald Heiney, *Recent American Literature*, (Great Neck, New York: Barron's Educational Series, 1958) p. 208.

²Ibid.

Student C has given credit for both the phrase “the foremost living American author” and for the ideas borrowed. He has given proper credit.

4. A FINAL REMINDER

If you have any questions, it is your responsibility to ask your teacher exactly what he requires in a paper that requires research or documentation. Let us remind you that this applies to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students whether in day or night classes.

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ALMA MATER

[Words by James Church Alvord]

*Where the sleepy, silver bayou
Gleams among the pines,
Watching o'er the throbbing city
Alma Mater shines.*

[Chorus]

*Forward, forward, Centenary—
Time and tide may fail,
But our hearts shall love thee ever—
Centenary, Hail!*

*Like a wave the mighty city
Surges 'round thy feet.
Guide it, train it, teach it wisdom,
Alma Mater sweet.*

[Chorus]

*Green the boughs that rustle 'round thee
On thy stately crest;
Greener is our mem'ry of thee—
Alma Mater blest.*

[Chorus]

